Super Bowl # 56

Game Day is Sunday, February 13, 2022

Unknown VS unknown

At the writing of this worksheet for men, the playoffs have just started. The teams that will meet in the final game called ***"Super Bowl 56"*** have not yet been determined, but no matter which teams make it, the game will be one to remember.

This year the game is being held in an open-air stadium in the SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California. Again, this year it is being held once again during a Pandemic and Social Unrest the teams will need to be focused on the game not what's happening off the Grid Iron to be successful.

For a team to get to this point in the season, they have had to play to win. It is not that they were perfect and won every game; it is that they played to win. It is their attitude that will get them, to "Super Bowl 2022"

Over the past year, I have listened to too many of these players and coaches and have noticed a certain attitude that is reflective of a winning team. As I contemplate these certain attitudes, I noticed how they

Matched up with what scriptures tell us about the,
"Winning Attitude with Christ."

As you watch this matchup between two teams, I would like you to reflect on a couple of thoughts:

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- **First,** I noticed that it wasn't about the excuses used when they didn't accomplish that task of winning! When the players and coaches look in the camera and say we blew it – This is where change begins because they are accepting their responsibility for the loss and not blaming others.
    - Questions for you to think about!
        - Are you able to admit to God when you have failed or sinned? As Christians, we called this confessing.
        - How hard is it to admit that you did not accomplish the goal or do what was right?
        - Have you looked at what you could have done differently?
        - What verses in the scripture help you understand this phase of your life?
- **Second**, I noticed that they made adjustments in the game plan!
    - They were not afraid to change strategies if something was not working. I don't know if you suffer from the same (what I call the) ***Man-Thing Syndrome*** that I do, but it is hard to admit I'm wrong, and even harder to change course.
    - Questions for you to think about!
        - As Christians it is important to learn to change course, the way we did things 10 years ago, 10 weeks ago, or even 10 minutes ago may not be working.
        - Can you identify something you need to change?
        - What is the first step you need to take to initiate change in your life?
- **Third,** and I think most importantly, the teams that get to this point can communicate effectively (talk among themselves), they hear the other players, they hear the coach, and they even hear the crowd.

- I believe as Christian men there are other people, we need to hear besides are ourselves. What is important is that we get a grip on communicating effectively if we want to be winners in God's eyes, our family's eyes, and friends' eyes.

- Questions for you to think about:

  - Please put the following in the order you think is important for you to successfully begin to communicate with!

    - God, Wife, Children, Pastor, and Others.

    - Is there anyone else you would add to this list?

Stop and Think for a moment, what Changes do you need to make to accomplish your goal of being a winner in your life for Christ?

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Heaven Saints vs. Hell's Demons

The following message (outline) was preached by Rev. Don Allen, Jr. Ph.D. at a local men's ministry event @ Life Church, West Chester, Ohio in October of 2007 However, we thought it relevant for the upcoming Super Bowl.

Do you have a choice which Team you going to Play for?

The writer George Wills wrote once that:

"Football contains the two things' Christians dislike the most: Violence and Committee Meetings"

The Heavens Saints:

- The Owner … God the Father
- The Coach … God the Son (Jesus)
- The Defensive and Offensive Coordinator … God the Holy Spirit
- ALL PLAYERS ARE BOUGHT BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB
- The Quarterback … Pastor
- The Receivers … Those listening to the WORD
- The Running Backings… Any Saint willing to carry the Gospel

Hell's Demons:

- The owner … Devil himself
- The coach … also, the Devil himself
- The coordinator … again, the devil
- The Player … IS DECEIVED BY THE LIER.

THE GREAT NEWS IS THAT THE SAINTS ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS:

The winning game plan:

- Run with the Gospel to every individual we can.
- Study the playbook and understand the victory is already ours.
- Continually talk to the owner, coach, and coordinator.

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